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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: COLLECTION OF US DEPARTURE TAX IN CANADA

1. DURING CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS IN OTTAWA WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, US CHAIRMAN STYLES RAISED QUESTION OF CANADIAN ATC ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 5 PROHIBITING US AIRLINES (AND PRESUMABLY CANADIAN AIRLINES ALSO) FROM REQUIRING THEIR AGENTS IN CANADA TO COLLECT US DEPARTURE TAX FROM TICKETS SOLD IN CANADA INVOLVING A RETURN TRIP TO CANADA OR ANOTHER FLIGHT DEPARTURE FROM US. STYLES PUT MATTER AS A FACILITATION ISSUE, NOTING PASSENGER HAD TO PAY TAX AT SOME POINT AND IT WAS EASIER FOR PASSENGER TO PAY WHEN HE PAID FOR TICKET RATHER THAN TO PAY FOR TICKET, ONLY TO FIND ON DEPARTURE AT US AIRPORT THAT HE HAD TO PAY SOME MORE FOR DEPARTURE TAX. STYLES NOTED ALL OTHER COUNTRIES ALLOWED COLLECTION TAX ABROAD. AT MINIMUM, HE URGED PASSENGERS AT LEAST HAVE OPTION WHETHER PAY NOW OR PAY LATER. DUPUY APPEARED SYMPATHIZE BUT DEFERRED SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE.

2. SINCE IT WILL BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE DELEGATIONS MAY MEET AGAIN AND SINCE IN ANY EVENT WE DO NOT WANT THIS ISSUE CONNECTED WITH CHARTER TALKS ET AL, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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